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## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated March, 9, 2007.

## Remarks

Claims 1 to 35 are in this application.

Claims 9 to 13, 16 to 19, 23, 27 and 28 have been withdrawn.

The allowance of claims 20 to 22, 24 to 26 and 29 to 35 is acknowledged.

The allowability of dependent claims 4, 6, 7 and 15 is acknowledged. Reconsideration of the rejection of the remaining claims is requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being anticipated by <u>Springer</u>. Issue is taken in this respect.

Springer is directed to a sign holder wherein an aluminum base 15 is provided with a main body portion 16 having a bore 17. The outer vertical edge portion of the main body 16 is channeled to define spaced arms 18 which terminate in opposing vertical flanges 19. (Column 1, lines 61 to 68). The channeling of the main body 16 is